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**Dates: December 6-7-8-9, 2001**

**Location: Val d'Or, Quebec**

**Team Registration Deadline: November 16, 2001**

*\*Note: Teams must respect the deadline date.*

*No teams will be accepted after the deadline.*

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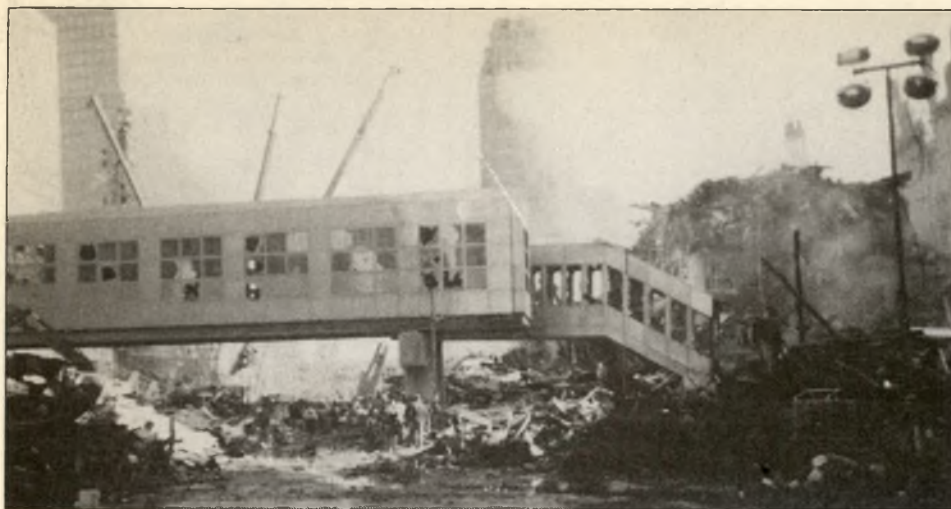
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## THE DAY THE WORLD CHANGED

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, started the same as any other day, actually nicer than many. It was a beautifully clear and sunny morning as I sat at my desk with a fresh cup of coffee. I was on-line checking my email, unaware of events transpiring in New York and Washington and rural Pennsylvania. After shutting the computer off, a friend called asking if I'd seen the news. I sat in numb horror for the next three hours trying to take in what I was seeing on the TV screen. In the pit of my stomach I felt that the world was now a different place. In the core of my brain I knew that the world had changed.

Time and again since the tragedy unfolded, televised news reports have compared the day of terror to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that shook America on December 7, 1941. This attack goes far beyond the scope of what was inflicted on Hawaii 60 years ago. For one thing, the enemy was easy to identify then. Japanese fighter pilots attacked U.S. Navy ships. A nation had attacked another nation. A nation is easy to find. This recent attack is far more insidious. The idea that a group of unknown men could embark on a suicide mission and succeed in hijacking four commercial planes armed only with knives and box cutters is unnerving to say the least.

Witnesses kept saying it was like a movie, but if you were to walk into the office of a high-power Hollywood producer and drop this script on his desk, he'd reject it for being too unbelievable, even for a large-budget blockbuster film. He'd say that you were trying to combine three films into one. The hijacking and crashing of a plane in rural Pennsylvania would have been a shocking story on its own. The hijacking and crashing of a plane into the Pentagon would have been enough to put the world on

alert, and would have made for a fine Bruce Willis project. The hijacking of two planes and crashing them into the World Trade Center, and reducing the two towers into rubble is off the scale. The special effects department would be lambasted for making the towers implode the way they did - too unrealistic. To put all these events together on the same morning is just plain nonsense.

Make that, complete non-sense.

Time seemed to stand still. The stock market was closed. All airports were closed. All major network television programming suspended except for coverage of the disaster. No ads. Even Major League Baseball canceled all its games. By striking at the heart of New York City the attack was effectively an attack upon the whole world. The Big Apple is as cosmopolitan a city as you can find and the disaster is sure to have claimed the lives of people of all races, religions and nationalities.

Later that night at 11:00, still reeling from the images and information that had bombarded me that day, I found myself looking out the same window through which the sun had shone so brilliantly that morning. The view had been radically altered from what it had been earlier that day. A small Muslim mosque across the street from where I live was on fire, the result of an amateur attack with what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail thrown into the doorway. My wife called the fire department and we found ourselves standing on St. Laurent Boulevard, watching the scene as firemen rushed to the scene and doused the flames. We felt nauseous. We knew the world had

changed that day. Like everyone we had spoken to, we felt a little less secure.

by Brian Zelnicker

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## Coon Come Slams Racism Against Aboriginal Peoples

Matthew Coon Come raised more than a few eyebrows at the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. Not only did the National Chief stick to his plan of alerting the world to the levels of racism experienced by Native people in Canada, but he went one further by denouncing what he referred to as "official U.N. discrimination."

Coon Come spoke to a packed press conference on September 4<sup>th</sup> to draw attention to the issue of official text involving indigenous rights. According to Coon Come, "the draft WCAR Declaration gives with one hand but takes more with the other. It appears that a number of governments are now determined, by means of two discriminatory paragraphs in the Final Declaration of this World Conference Against Racism, to impose inferior international human rights status on all indigenous peoples of the world."

The head of the AFN went on to say that "the legitimacy of the entire World Conference process will be undermined" if the U.N. member states refuse to remove the offensive paragraphs from the WCAR declaration. "In that case, we Indigenous peoples are now forced to call for the removal of any and all mention of Indigenous Peoples from the WCAR text."

Canadian government officials have been quite upset over remarks made public by Coon Come at the conference over what he referred to as "Canada's hidden shame" in its systematically racist treatment of Native people. Coon Come was one of the most visible of the Indigenous leaders present in Durban, where he sought to gain official recognition for the human rights of Aboriginal people everywhere.

An unofficial but sizeable “Indigenous Caucus” formed at the conference. This group included Coon Come, a delegation of half a dozen AFN and Quebec Grand Council of the Crees representatives and Guatemalan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchu. A daily newspaper published by the World Conference applauded the efforts of the group when it wrote that “undeterred by the mayhem, one of the most vocal, organized and effective groups has been the Indigenous Peoples’ Caucus.”

Having headed to South Africa seeking a world stage on which to put forward the concerns of native people in Canada and around the world, national chief Coon Come gave numerous interviews to the international media that assembled for the conference including the BBC World Service, South African, Italian, and Canadian TV news teams.

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## Brian Webb



## Who is the savage?

As kindergarten is approaching, I find myself trying to get my son ready for the outside world, but how in the world could I have gotten him ready for what happened today.

Me and my two sons, ages 1 1/2 and 4, went shopping for school clothes. When we paid for our purchase, a woman came up to us and asked why it was that we hadn't paid tax while she had to.

I explained to the woman that my husband was First Nation and that the merchandise would be delivered on the reserve.

The woman then turned toward my two sons and said f--- savage. I just couldn't believe my ears. All these years I've tried to shelter my children from these kinds of remarks.

How many times have I prayed to God that my son would not hear these words from a child at school. But to hear it said from an adult was just beyond my imagi-

nation. By this time, the woman's three children were crying and pulling at her, begging her to stop.

When I walked away my four-year-old was full of questions. Mom, what does savage mean? Am I a savage?

What do you say to a four-year-old, knowing that it probably won't be the last time he will hear such ignorant words?


I told him that in no way was he a savage and that he should always be proud to be a First Nation. So, if you see my son, or hear someone saying these kind of remarks, please remind him to be proud of his heritage. To the woman in the store, I feel sorry for you. Maybe you should learn to be proud of your heritage and respect other heritages. May God be with you and mend your broken ways.

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## IPPERWASH REVISITED

Six years after the fatal shooting of Native protester Dudley George, Ontario chief coroner James Young is investigating the shooting that took place at Ipperwash Provincial Park to determine whether he should order an inquest.

In a letter sent to Dr. Young, Pierre George, one of the victim's brothers, called for an inquest to explain "how and why my brother bled to death" on the night in question. Mr. George also said that the establishment of an inquest "would be of great comfort and reassurance" to his family. Dudley George's surviving relatives are trying to uncover why he received no treatment from paramedics who were on the scene at the time. They also seek to determine why he wasn't transported to hospital by ambulance.

On the night of September 6, 1995, Ontario Provincial Police officers marched into Ipperwash Provincial Park to put down a Native protest. Dudley George was shot by acting Sergeant Kenneth Deane. The officer was armed with an automatic rifle. George and the other protesters were unarmed. Acting Sergeant Deane was convicted, by Justice Hugh Fraser, of criminal negligence causing death in 1997. It was ruled that officer Deane fired his weapon without reasonable cause. There was no evidence produced to indicate that any shots had been fired by Native protesters, or that they had any weapons. The conviction stood through several appeals, including an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

According to a recounting of the incident in *One Dead Indian*, a newly published book on the events at Ipperwash by Peter

Edwards, Dudley George was struck in the chest by a hollow-tipped bullet from a submachine gun. His internal organs were ripped apart and he bled to death. He was helped into a 1977 Chevrolet Impala by his brother and other Natives to get him to the hospital in Strathroy almost an hour's drive on bumpy roads. When the car had a flat tire, Pierre George stopped at a farmhouse to call for an ambulance. When no ambulance arrived, he drove the rest of the way on the wheel rim. Pierre George and his sister Carolyn were taken into police custody upon arrival at the hospital and as a result were unable to provide the doctors with necessary information. Some minutes later, Dudley George was declared dead from massive internal bleeding.

Pierre George wants the inquest to investigate why OPP officers and paramedics wouldn't help the Natives that rushed to Dudley George's assistance after the shooting. Mr. George also wants to uncover why he and his sister were removed from the hospital in Strathroy, instead of being allowed to remain and answer any questions the doctors may have had about the injured Native protester.

*One Dead Indian* also explores the controversy around the role played by the Premier Mike Harris's office in ordering OPP officers to clear the protesters out of the park. Harris has refused to allow a judicial inquiry into the shooting and the role played by his office. Harris and other Ontario senior government officials have been the subjects of a civil case filed by the family of the deceased.

by Brian Zelnicker

## Pachanos Addresses Conference

Adding her voice to the World Conference Against Racism, Chief Violet Pachanos of the Grand Council of the Crees addressed a plenary session in Durban, South Africa on September 6, 2001.

"It is autumn now in Eeyou Istchee," Chief Pachanos told the large crowd of delegates assembled in the Durban Conference Center. "The geese will soon fly south from Hudson's Bay over our traditional lands. As we have done for thousands of years, our hunters will try to ensure that we have food for our families for the long winter. Sadly, for our people, this is no longer possible. Just 25 years ago, the Canadian government permitted a hydroelectric mega-project to divert our rivers and flood our traditional lands. We have lived in our lands for thousands of years, but our People was not consulted before our lands and forests were flooded and destroyed."

Having laid out the particular situation of the James Bay Cree in Quebec, Pachanos went on to connect this to the international law of human rights by pointing to a need for Native Peoples to have "access to these standards to prevent and correct" unfair treatment experienced at a national level, even in Canada. "We had great hope for the WCAR process," said Pachanos. "Instead, the draft WCAR Declaration takes us backwards. It uses the word 'peoples', but it then takes the full meaning of the word away from us by saying it has no international human rights meaning, and is subject to other restrictions aimed only at Indigenous Peoples." Pachanos challenged the Conference when she stated, "Indigenous Peoples have been waiting hundreds of years. If the right thing is not done now, when will it be done? If you do not do the right thing, who will?"

## Cree/Sami Conference Postponed

A Cree/Sami conference that was supposed to take place in Sweden this year has been postponed until Spring 2002. The conference will be looking at the similarities of forestry practices in Sweden



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and Quebec and their impacts on the Aboriginal Peoples in the areas affected. The reason for the postponement is that expected funding on the Sami side proved to be smaller than what was anticipated.

## Aboriginal Crime Conference

The native Friendship Center of Val d'Or will be hosting a Forum on Aboriginal Crime Prevention on November 1, 2, & 3, 2001. During the three days participants will be looking at and discussing awareness of cultural and Aboriginal realities. The organizing committee has said they wish to achieve a better understanding between Native and non-Natives and have healthy ways to express emotions and to communicate.

Those wishing to participate or get more information can call Janet Mark at 819-825-6857.

## Nunavut's Cancer Problem

Nunavut has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in Canada according to a recent study that will be published in an American medical journal next month.

Sylvia Healey says her study shows a virus, known as HPV, was found in 26 percent of women in Nunavut. This virus is often linked to the cancer and the big problem is that in conventional pap smears HPV isn't detected.

Healey went on to say that the pap test has a sensitivity of approximately 51 percent. Healey says this means that the pap test detected only about half of the actual cases with abnormal lesions.

There are pap tests that can detect cervical cancer but they aren't readily accessible in Nunavut.

## Saskatoon Police on Trial

An elegant ballroom will serve as a courtroom as jury selection begins for the trial of two police officers accused of abandoning an First Nations man on the outskirts of the city in freezing weather last year. Dan Hachen and Ken Munson, both veteran Saskatoon police officers, are charged with assault and unlawful confinement.

"We don't want to have a situation where we're excluding anybody from access to the court, the public or the press," Sheriff Gordon Laing said. The regular Saskatoon courthouse isn't large enough for all the prospective jurors and

spectators.

The two officers were charged after Darrell Night alleged two officers apprehended him without cause then later forced him out of their cruiser near the Queen Elizabeth power station on Jan. 28, 2000. Temperatures were a chilling -25 C when the incident was said to have occurred.

Over 700 notices were mailed out to potential jurors. That number was whittled down to about 125 from which the jury will be chosen.

## Plymouth Rock Thanksgiving Parade Cancelled

Only five years after initiating an annual Thanksgiving parade, organizers have cancelled the event this year, saying an appointed town board sent a strong message by trimming its financial contribution. The decision to cancel the parade in Plymouth, where the first Thanksgiving feast was held 380 years ago, in 1621, is not sitting well with some residents and other town officials.

"I'm disappointed that the parade is not taking place this year," said Kenneth Tavares, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. "This is an event that is important for Plymouth."

Native Americans, however, are jubilant at the cancellation. Bruce F. Curlis, a Nipmuc Native American and former Indian Affairs Agent applauded the

decision saying "it's hurtful to see a lie of supposed cooperation between Natives and non-Natives turned into a National holiday when the reality was that the first 'Thanksgiving' feast was to celebrate the wiping out of an innocent Native village over an imagined wrong." In the annuals a settler is supposed to have lost a pewter cup and the local tribe is blamed. The governor of Plymouth organized a group of men who slaughtered the inhabitants of a nearby Native village.

## Moving the Earth

British children leaped on a new World record as one million jumping children successfully caused an earthquake. Thousands of schools were asked to send children outside at 11 a.m. last Friday to jump up and down for a minute in hopes of creating a measurable quake. The Giant Jump event was held to mark the launch of the government's Science Year, and organizers said it was a success. Scientists said a million children with an average weight of 110 pounds jumping 20 times in a minute would release two billion joules of energy and trigger the equivalent of an earthquake measuring three on the Richter scale. Children were surveyed before the event to make predictions on the outcome. Perhaps the most accurate prediction came from one of the jumpers, who said, "There will be lots of hospital visits from people with sprained ankles."

**We at *The Nation* wish to express our deepest sympathies for the victims of the horrendous attacks of Tuesday, September 11, 2001.**

**We send a message of love and hope to all the survivors, families, and friends who have been shaken by these terrible events.**



# WE PUT THE WOW IN POW POW

-Will Nicholls



It was our first Pow Wow and the first put on by a joint effort of the Eastern Door and the Nation, both independent Native newspapers. It was a case of Mohawks from the south and Cree from the north meeting to make something great happen. For the First Nations people who now live in cities like Montreal, pow-wows have been an important cultural anchor. It is a time to get back to roots and culture and a time to socialize. You meet everyday friends, friends you haven't seen in a while and you make new friends. It is also a time when two or more different cultures can come together and meet each other without politics getting in the way. A bridge across the cultural gaps as it were. It was a traditional pow wow located in the Old Port of Montreal and one that was a lot of fun. At one point there was a *non-Native dance-like-a-Native* contest. Some people took it seriously and some were just hilarious. One person remarked to me that they had never heard so much laughter and cheering at a pow wow before.

I know that a few people came from the U.S. including our English M.C. Star aka Bruce F. Curlis, a Nipmuc from Massachusetts. His wife Shirley said she found the Pow Wow to be a great one. If so, then Star and our own Aaron MacDevit, the French M.C., were the ones who guided it in that direction. They had people howling like coyotes literally and after a while when they would call for a coyote howl the audience would answer and

loudly at that. If the resulting howl was short of standards Star would remark it sounded like a sick weak coyote and call for another. Not only did they work the crowd up, they made it laugh till it hurt.

Our pow wow was opened by Ernie Benedict, a Mohawk elder. Along with him as Pow wow Elders were George and Louise Diamond. George got up and sang three traditional Cree songs on the drum. It was so beautiful that his daughter Virginia, who was translating for him, was moved to tears. People listening to the music were so quiet you could hear a shhh if someone made a sound. It was wonderful to bring Cree culture south and have it accepted in such a respectful manner. He gave a gift of caring and love to us all.

Of course, the drum groups that came went all out and the crowd loved it. Bertie Wapachee, the Cree Health Board Chairman even sat down with one of the drum groups and joined them in a few songs. I learnt something new about him that day. Before anybody will dance, the tobacco does. A smattering of tobacco is put on the membrane of the big drum, which is hit softly by the men sitting around it. Then people can dance, and dance they did in a colourful display of pride in Aboriginal heritage. They were beautiful in their regalia as they danced to the drums. It was the sight and sounds that drew many of the non-Natives into the pow wow.





One of the things I liked was a demonstrating artist by the name of Vernon Chrisjohn, who made bows by hand. He is an Oneida who came up from Malden, New York. Another demonstrating artist had people painting the outside and inside of a teepee inner cover. Another taught people how to make their own dream catchers. The food as always was good. There was moose meatballs, venison, caribou and bison burgers, a caribou stew, wild rice, bannock and some lobsters caught by Native fishermen earning that "moderate living." I tried just about everything and can say it was delicious.

Unfortunately, I didn't have as much time to socialize as I would have liked as I was running all over the place trying to make sure everything was running well. I wasn't the only one and must say that the pow wow committee, volunteers and Beesum Communications staff all put forward their best foot to make this pow wow a success. I thank them for all the time they spent doing the event. The only way in which it wasn't a success is that we lost money doing it so we won't be able to make donations to the organizations that we wanted to help out.





# Fear and Loathing in America

Neil Diamond  
photos by Bart Goodleaf



On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, Mohawk ironworkers Bart Goodleaf and Steve Bonspiel were working atop a building on 166<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan when they saw one of the World Trade Center towers burning in the distance.

When they heard a boom they thought that the building had blown up. They were told later that a plane full of passengers had crashed into it. The building they were working on was evacuated. "Normally ironworkers are very strong," said Bonspiel, "but they were very shaky". The pair tried to drive out of the city but traffic in and out was blocked, so they headed south for the burning towers to try and help. They were turned back at Canal Street because of the number of people at the scene. Bonspiel and Goodleaf then headed back on foot towards Brooklyn. "It was very somber," said Bonspiel. "People were gathered around TVs. I've never seen New York that dead," he added.

The scene in Manhattan the day after the disaster was surreal. "There were no cars, people were crying in the streets. Like in the movies, but different. You can smell it," said Goodleaf. "It will be like that on Monday."

"Words can't describe it . . . the feeling. I wanted to cry and throw up. To see it and smell it," he said of the scene before him.

Goodleaf said there are ironworkers working at the scene

clearing debris and helping in the rescue. "There's just iron, no cement, it's all powder. I hope I never see anything like it again in my life," he added.

*"Words can't describe it . . . the feeling. I wanted to cry and throw up. To see it and smell it,"*

A Cree who works in New York, who identifies herself only as Katy, emailed, "It was a very very scary experience. It's still very spooky and surreal. I watched from my rooftop and saw the second explosion and then the collapse of both towers. It was strange to see warplanes over the city.

Later in the afternoon, I walked along Atlantic Ave. in Brooklyn. It was dark outside because of the smoke; there was burnt paper and other stuff I didn't want to look at in the streets; all from the catastrophe. I picked up one piece of paper and read an interoffice memo. I started to cry because I realized that the author of the memo was likely dead. But I think what haunts me the most is this: survivors are relaying stories of disabled people in wheelchairs who, obviously, couldn't make it down the stairwells of the towers. They were forced to stay and await their deaths.

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# 2001 GCCEI/CRA AGA Resolutions

**T**he Grand Council of the Crees and the Cree Regional Authority met for three days in the gymnasium of the the Luke Mettaweskum School in Nemaska this past August.

The heads of the Cree entities presented their reports on events from the past year. They and the delegates feasted under a bigtop tent, and greeted a Youth canoe brigade when they landed on the shore of Champion Lake

As always, the final day of the assembly was reserved for the tabling of resolutions. Some notable resolutions passed dealt with the shortage of doctors in Eeyou Istchee, the issuing of leases to non-natives in Cree territory, an access road for Whapmagoostui, and increasing the term of office for the Chairperson of the Cree Health Board.

The assembly agreed to meet in Eastmain the following year.

Printed in detail below are most of the 35 resolutions passed by the assembly this year.

## **Resolution # 2001-08 Forest Fire Protection in Eeyou Istchee**

**WHEREAS** the Cree communities of Eeyou Istchee have experienced the effects of the discriminatory policies of the Quebec government with regards to fire protection;

**WHEREAS** as according to a general policy of the Quebec government only the areas designated as commercially viable wood harvesting zones (under the CAAF agreements) are protected against forest fires;

**WHEREAS** the Cree communities are provided forest fire protection assistance on an irregular basis when the threat of an approaching forest fire is with 1.5 km of a community and not before;

**WHEREAS** when the forementioned forest fire threat occurs the Cree community is often already in an evacuation phase;

**WHEREAS** the forest fire protection policy described herein is wholly unsatisfactory to the Cree nation;

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority begin discussions with the Quebec government to change their forest fire protection policies to adequately serve the Cree communities of Eeyou Istchee;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees /Cree Regional Authority seek the necessary resources to develop an action plan whereby there will be fire fighting measures put into action when a fire is detected within a defined radius of the Cree communities (15 km);

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees /Cree Regional Authority seek the necessary resources to provide those communities that wish to fight

forest fires on category I,II or III lands with adequate financial resources to do so;

## **# 2001-09 Multifunctional Complex - Nemaska**

**WHEREAS** the Cree Nation of Nemaska is in the process of constructing a Multifunctional Complex within the community to meet its social and recreational needs;

**WHEREAS** Phase I of the development of the Multifunctional Complex has begun with the construction of an arena with funds secured from the Quebec government through the MOU process and with funds from the Board of Compensation;

**WHEREAS** Phase II entails the construction of an adjoining facility to the arena also partially funded through the fore mentioned MOU process;

**WHEREAS** projections indicate there will be a substantial shortfall of funding for the Multifunctional Complex which is to be completed in the year 2002;

**WHEREAS** the community representatives and delegates who have together for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees / 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Cree Regional Authority express their support for the completion of the Multifunctional Complex;

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority do all things necessary to assist in securing sufficient funding from the Federal government to complete the Multifunctional Complex and to reimburse the Cree funds that have been expended for the Multifunctional Complex thus far;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority further seek to secure sufficient animation, operations and maintenance funding for the Multifunctional Complex.

**# 2001-10 Public Support for Cree fight against Forestry - Richard Desjardins and L'Action Boréale**





and of great significance;

**WHEREAS** the Cree Nation further recognizes that, the present forestry practices continue to threaten Eeyou Istchee, the boreal forest and numerous areas of great historical and cultural value;

**WHEREAS** the Cree Nation also recognizes that, many other groups and citizens share the concerns of the Cree people about forestry and the impacts of unchecked forestry practices on the environment and the people;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Cree Nation hereby acknowledges and recognizes the sustained efforts and work of Mr. Richard Desjardins and l'Action boréale in their continued struggle to protect the boreal forests;

**THAT** the Cree Nation hereby expresses its solidarity and support for l'Action boréale d'Abitibi-Témiscamingue's efforts and further encourages and joins its call for a moratorium against any forestry operations in the Kanasuta sanctuary given the historical and cultural significance of the area;

**THAT** the Cree Forestry Working Group coordinate its efforts with those of Mr. Richard Desjardins and l'Action Boréale whenever possible;

**THAT** the Grand Chief/Chairman and the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority be hereby mandated to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **# 2001-11 Reports of the Cree Naskapi Commission**

**WHEREAS** the Cree Naskapi Commission, since its establishment, has prepared seven biennial reports in accordance with Section 171 of the Cree- Naskapi ( of Quebec ) Act;

**WHEREAS** the findings and recommendations in the reports of the Commission primarily deal with the issues and concerns of Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee ( as well as those of the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach ) as determined pursuant to public consultations and hearings at which the Eeyouch as well as the Government of Canada through the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs made known their views and concerns respecting the implementation of the Act and related matters;

**WHEREAS** the past and present reports of the Cree Naskapi Commission encompass findings and recommendations respecting the implementation of and amendments to the Cree-Naskapi ( of Quebec ) Act, implementation of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and the Northeastern Quebec Agreement and community issues;

**WHEREAS** the reports of the Cree Naskapi Commission have been tabled in each House of Parliament so that the Government of Canada may take appropriate and positive action on the findings and recommendations of the Commission arising from treaty obligations and its legislation – the Cree- Naskapi ( of Quebec ) Act;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has failed or refuses to respond, in a comprehensive manner, to the past and present findings and recommendations of the Cree Naskapi Commission; and

**WHEREAS** the Eeyou local government and Eeyou regional authorities have responsibilities to initiate and implement measures to ensure the advancement of Eeyou rights and Eeyou Governance;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee acting through the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority supports and endorses, in principle, the findings and recommendations of the Cree Naskapi Commission as described in the past and present reports of the Commission;

**THAT**, in particular, Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee supports and accepts the findings and recommendations of the Commission respecting;

**THAT** The immediate establishment of a meaningful and effective process for the review and proper implementation of and appropriate amendments to the Cree-Naskapi ( of Quebec ) Act;

**THAT** The establishment of a new relationship between Eeyou and Canada pursuant to a redefinition of Eeyou Governance and the spirit and intent of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement;

**THAT** The Government of Canada enact a Treaty Implementation Act and a Policy Management Accountability Act in collaboration with Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee; and

**THAT** The fair settlement of the common and specific issues of the Eeyou communities as identified and described in the reports of the Commission.

**THAT** the Government of Canada fulfill its responsibilities and respond, in a comprehensive manner, to the findings and recommendations of the Commission as described in the past and present reports of the Cree-Naskapi Commission;

**THAT** the local and regional Eeyou authorities and governments review, consider and respond to the findings and recommendations of the Commission for the advancement of Eeyou rights and Eeyou Governance and for the fair and just settlement of community issues and concerns; and

**THAT** the local and regional Eeyou authorities and governments take all measures useful and necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **# 2001-12 Issuance of leases by MNR of Eeyou Istchee territory**

**WHEREAS** there are many private cabins and dwellings being constructed throughout Eeyou Istchee by non-native individuals and that these structures and the activities of their "owners" and occupants are disturbing traditional Cree activities such as but not limited to hunting, trapping and fishing;

**WHEREAS** the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources is granting leases or permits to individuals to build the fore mention cabins or dwelling without consultation to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority, local Band Councils or the tallymen;

**WHEREAS** the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources is failing to protect the Cree way of life as constitutionally guaranteed under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement by ignoring the damage it is causing by issuing leases or permits indiscriminately throughout Eeyou Istchee;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority require the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources to undertake a complete inventory of all outfitting and private lease or permits granted throughout the entire Cree territory;

**THAT** the fore mentioned inventory be forwarded to the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority and the local Band Councils as soon as possible;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority seek a moratorium on the granting of further leases or permits on Eeyou Istchee until the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources undertakes to issue such leases or permits in a manner consistent with Cree aboriginal and constitutional rights and interests.

#### **# 2001-13 Awarding of Contracts in Eeyou Istchee**

**WHEREAS** there are many companies throughout Eeyou Istchee that are owned and operated by Crees capable of undertaking a wide variety of projects;

**WHEREAS** subparagraph 28.10.3 of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement provides:

28.10.3 For projects initiated or conducted by Canada or Quebec or their agencies, delegates, or contractors, and for projects by any proponent a major purpose of which is to provide goods or services to or for the benefit of Cree communities the governments shall take all reasonable measures to establish Cree priority in respect to employment and contracts created by such projects:

b) in respect to contracts arising from such projects, including requirements that the proponents:

i) design contract packages to provide to the Crees a reasonable opportunity to submit competitive tenders;

ii) post calls for tenders in a public place in all Cree communities on the date on which the general public is made aware of such calls for tenders;

iii) set the date, location, terms and conditions for tendering so that Cree individuals or groups may reply with reasonable ease.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority begin



discussions with the Federal and Quebec government and their agencies to negotiate a manner through which they can respect their obligations towards the Crees of Eeyou Istchee with regards to the awarding of contracts;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority be and is hereby further mandated to remind through written notice all developers/proponents of projects that they must first consider Cree companies, individuals, professionals and contractors for any work carried out in Eeyou Istchee.

**# 2001-14 Funding for the Council of Chisayouch**



**WHEREAS** the Eeyou/ Eenu Elders are the holders and protectors of Eeyou/ Eenu traditional knowledge and wisdom;

**WHEREAS** the Elders should and must participate in a significant way as advisors at the regional and local levels of government, in all areas, and to Eeyou/ Eenu entities that deal with the well being of Eeyou/ Eenu in general;

**WHEREAS** the financial resources available to the Eeyou/ Eenu have decreased and the requests and needs have increased substantially;

**WHEREAS** the Eeyou/ Eenu Elders have made numerous requests to the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority for funding or assistance in acquiring sufficient funding to help the Council of Chisayouch fulfill their mandates as protectors of Eeyou/ Eenu traditional knowledge and wisdom;

**WHEREAS** the Council of Chisayouch tabled a resolution which was unanimously adopted as resolution 2000-10 at the 2000 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority calling for the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority to make annual provisions in its budget for the Council of Chisayouch;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority immediately take the necessary steps to implement the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority Annual General Assembly Resolution 2000-10 and resolutions of previous General Assemblies proposed and tabled by the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority further undertake steps to recognize the important role and status of the Council of Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee;

**Resolution #2001-Draft HIV/AIDS Awareness**

**WHEREAS** in the year of 1999 there was a 91% increase in the number of Aboriginal people living with HIV in Canada;

**WHEREAS** in the Eeyou Istchee the sexually transmitted disease rate is 6 to 10 times higher than in the general Canadian population;

**WHEREAS** it is essential to take immediate action involving Crees throughout Eeyou Istchee to prevent HIV from become a devastating epidemic in our communities;

**WHEREAS** HIV/AIDS indiscriminately strikes men, women, children, youths, infants and elders regardless of their place of residence, sexual orientation and beliefs;

**WHEREAS** certain social, economic and historical conditions have enhanced Aboriginal vulnerability to the main HIV risk factors, including migration to and from the communities, regular access to major cities, alcohol and drug abuse, violence and others;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** in order to promote the health and well-being of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee, the fight against HIV/AIDS be identified as a major priority in a holistic approach to health;

**THAT** in light of the foregoing the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority and the Local Band Councils make a commitment to:

- Promote the acquisition and dissemination of appropriate knowledge;

- Encourage initiatives aimed at preventing transmission risks;

- Incorporating the fight against HIV/AIDS into the development of healthy communities.

**Resolution # 2001-16 Implementation of the Firearms Act by the Cree Trappers' Association**

**WHEREAS** the Cree Trappers' Association have made considerable efforts in attempting to implement the Canadian Firearms Act in Eeyou Istchee as a means of promoting safety awareness with regards to the use of firearms;

**WHEREAS** the Cree Trappers' Association has qualified human resources but lack the financial resources to administer certain provisions of the Firearms Act such as the Canadian Firearms Safety Course;

**WHEREAS** the Cree Trappers' Association has participated in the negotiation of a memorandum of understanding concerning short term measures for implementing the Firearms Act in Eeyou Istchee;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Cree Trappers' Association further its efforts with the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority to negotiate a memorandum of understanding to implement the Firearms Act in Eeyou Istchee in a manner consistent with Cree Aboriginal and constitutional rights;

**THAT** the Cree Trappers' Association be the primary administrative vehicle for implementing the Firearms Act in Eeyou Istchee through the afore mention memorandum of understanding.

**Resolution # 2001-17 Representation in Negotiations for Housing Funding and Major Capital Projects**

**WHEREAS** the housing situation in Eeyou Istchee is in a situation of crisis due to the severe shortage of housing and the poor state of houses already in existence;

**WHEREAS** the issue of housing is an important local concern in each Cree community of Eeyou Istchee;

**WHEREAS** to properly negotiate any solution to the current housing crisis it is essential to have strong local representation by individuals representing Cree interests, who have first hand knowledge of the current situation in the communities;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** in any discussions between the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority and the Federal government or the Quebec government on the housing crisis in Eeyou Istchee and major capital projects the Chief of each community must be included in those discussions;

**THAT** the Grand Chief of Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority and Bill Namagoose the Executive Director of the Grand Council of the Crees do all things necessary to implement the decision contained herein.

**Resolution # 2001-18 Development of Natural Resources on Eeyou Istchee**

**WHEREAS** the Crees have the right to the full and effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms including those set out in international instruments and under international law;

**WHEREAS** the Crees have the right of self-determination and by virtue of that right, they may freely determine their political status and may freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development;

**WHEREAS** the Crees have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of Cree traditional lands and



territories and other resources, including the right to require Canada and Quebec to seek and obtain Cree consent prior to the approval of any project affecting Cree traditional lands, territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water, forestry or other resources;

**WHEREAS** on the basis of these principles it is appropriate and expedient to enter into discussions with the appropriate government authorities concerning the participation involvement and prior consent of the Crees in relation to natural resources development on or affecting Cree traditional lands, territories or resources;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees through the Grand Chief be and is hereby instructed to seek discussions with the appropriate government authorities concerning the participation, involvement and prior consent of the Crees in relation to natural resources development on or affecting Cree traditional lands, territories or resources.

**Resolution #2001-19 Master Plan for Eeyou Governance of Natural Resources**

**WHEREAS** Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee have held a Special General Assembly on Natural Resources in Waskaganish on June 19-21, 2001;

**WHEREAS** Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee at the said general assembly have determined important recommendations respecting the ownership, management and control of natural resources in Eeyou Istchee;

**WHEREAS** the Grand Council of Crees of Eeyou Istchee / Cree Regional Authority through the Cree Nation Working Group on Cree Governance was mandated to develop an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations arising from the said special General Assembly;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the general plan of action entitled 'Eeyou Stewardship, Guardianship, and Custodianship of Eeyou Istchee and Natural Resources' be and it is hereby adopted and accepted for elaboration, and development as a master plan for full presentation to Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee;

**THAT** the master plan for Eeyou Governance over land and natural resources of Eeyou Istchee be presented to Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee at a Special Sitting of the Eeyou Legislature in early 2002;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority through the Working Group on Eeyou Governance elaborate and fully develop the master plan on Eeyou Governance of our land and natural resources of Eeyou Istchee.

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority be and they are authorized and mandated to take all measures and useful to give effect to the foregoing;

**Resolution #2001-20 Working Group on Eeyou Governance and Draft Declaration on Eeyou Governance**



**WHEREAS** Eeyou (Eeyou nation) of Eeyou Istchee, by resolution of the 1995 General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority (GCCEI/CRA) and subsequent General Assemblies and Council Board meeting of the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority and the special sitting of the Eeyou Legislature in 1995

have determined the objective of establishing the Cree Nation Government of Eeyou Istchee;

**WHEREAS** in 1995, the Grand Council of the Crees has established, by resolution, the Cree Nation Government Working Group, which has a general mandate to act as a consultative, advisory, coordinating and recommending body to Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee on matters relating to the definition, constitution and implementation of the Cree Nation Government;

**WHEREAS** At the 1999/2000 Annual General Assembly of the GCCEI/CRA, the Eeyou Nation has called for a Declaration on Eeyou Governance and Self-determination to be considered at the present General Assembly;

**WHEREAS** in 2000/2001, the said Working Group conducted the first phase of public consultation on the drafting of the said Declaration and on Eeyou Governance /self-determination in general;

**WHEREAS** a draft Declaration on Eeyou governance/self-determination has been tabled at this Assembly for consideration by the Eeyouch;

**WHEREAS** there is a need to change the name of the Cree Nation Government Working Group to a more appropriate name.

**WHEREAS** there is a need to review the membership of the said Working Group;

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Cree Nation Government Working Group shall now be referred to as: "Working Group on Eeyou Governance";

**THAT** the tabling of the draft Declaration on Eeyou Governance is hereby acknowledged and accepted, and that said draft Declaration is presented to the Eeyou nation for discussion purposes only;

**THAT** the said Working Group in consultation with the Eeyouch and the Eeyou leadership prepare a final draft of the said Declaration and present it to a Special Sitting of the Eeyou Legislature, hereby called for to be held in the winter of 2001/2002;

**THAT** the GCCEI/CRA Board/Council be and is hereby directed to:

- Determine the dates and place for the said Special Sitting of the Eeyou Legislature;

- To review the final draft of the said Declaration before being presented to the Special Sitting of the Eeyou Legislature.

- To review the membership of the Working Group in Eeyou Governance and to consider appointing one member of each Eeyou community's local task force;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/ Cree Regional Authority take all measures useful and necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

**# 2001-21 Support for CTA ndoho cabins program and trapper training program**

**WHEREAS** the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee have received a request for them to support a program for the provision of trappers' cabins in Eeyou Istchee and to assist in the seeking of funding to continue the said program for the trappers;

**WHEREAS** the Youth of Eeyou Istchee have requested the continuation of the trappers' training program for the Youth of Eeyou Istchee;

**WHEREAS** the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee recognize the need for the continuation of the ndoho cabins and trapper training program.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee do hereby call on the whole Eeyou Nation to do all things necessary to have the said program continue for the benefit of the present and future generations of our ndoho Eeyou of Eeyou Istchee;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority in collaboration with the Ndoho Eeyouch, Cree Trappers' Association and the Cree School Board take all measures necessary to seek sufficient financial resources for the continuation of the afore mentioned program;

**THAT** furthermore the Youth of Eeyou Istchee be involved at all levels of discussions to implement the afore said program.





WHEREAS Whapmagoostui is the only Eeyou community in Eeyou Istchee without an access road;

WHEREAS the remoteness of this community has allowed the Whapmagoostui Eeyouch to preserve and sustain a vibrant Eeyou culture with its customs, language, traditions and values;

WHEREAS the Whapmagoostui Eeyouch are committed to preserving and sustaining their culture and traditional activities of hunting and trapping but, nonetheless, realize that the remoteness of their community results in economic hardships to the Eeyouch due to the escalating costs of goods and services that are also subject to rising airline transportation prices;

WHEREAS pursuant to WFN Members Resolution 004-01 the Whapmagoostui public was consulted between August 9 and 14, 2001, to determine the level of support for road access to this community, and the survey resulted in overwhelming support for an access road to link Whapmagoostui to the southern road transportation system;

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui have passed WFN Members resolution# 005-01, dated August 14, 2001, confirming their support for the construction of an access road to Whapmagoostui;

**RESOLVED**

THAT the members of the Grand Council of the Crees and Cree Regional Authority hereby express their support for the request of the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation for an access road to link Whapmagoostui to the southern road transportation system;

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees and the Cree Regional Authority are hereby mandated to provide political, technical, advisory and other assistance and support as may be required by the Whapmagoostui Eeyouch with respect to the realization of an access road to Whapmagoostui;

THAT any effort for the construction of an access road to Whapmagoostui be carried out in manner respectful of the Cree way of life and in full consultation with affected trappers and tallymen;

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief are hereby directed to do all things necessary and useful to give effect to the foregoing.

**# 2001-23 CTA Office facilities in Whapmagoostui**

WHEREAS the Federal and Quebec governments have an obligation to provide "physical facilities necessary for the operation of the [Cree Trappers'] Association";

WHEREAS the Federal government still refuses to recognize its obligation to perform feasibility studies on "physical facilities" 26 years after the signing of the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority and the Cree Trappers' Association continue to hold the Federal and Quebec government to their obligations under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement and provide funds for office space for the Cree Trappers' Association in Whapmagoostui and as needed in other communities.

**#2001-24 Nunavik Commission Report: Serious Implications for Eeyou (Cree) Traditional Territory and Eeyou Rights**

WHEREAS in early April 2001, the Nunavik Commission made public its final Report recommending the creation of a Nunavik Assembly,

Government and Court that would have extensive legislative, executive and judicial powers throughout Nunavik;

WHEREAS Nunavik is said to include the whole territory north of the 55th parallel in Quebec, except for Category 1A and 1B lands of the Eeyouch (Crees) of Whapmagoostui and Category 1B-N lands of the Naskapis;

WHEREAS the Commission's Report fails to take into account that Nunavik overlaps with a significant portion of Eeyou traditional territory, Eeyou Istchee, raising a number of major and far-reaching concerns for the Eeyou Nation of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS during negotiations of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA), the federal and Quebec governments refused to recognize that the Eeyouch (Crees) and Inuit had any Aboriginal rights of any kind, including self-government;

WHEREAS self-government was not included as part of the federal comprehensive claims policy in 1975, although the creation of some Eeyou regional and local structures was allowed;

WHEREAS the only Eeyou rights that the Quebec and federal governments are prepared to negotiate far-ranging self-government arrangements with Inuit to the virtual exclusion of the Eeyouch of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS this impending loss of Eeyou traditional territory and Eeyou rights is all the more serious, since the integrity of Eeyou territory has been, and continues to be, severely undermined by the Quebec and federal governments;

WHEREAS past and present violations of, and threats to, Eeyou territory and basic Eeyou rights include:

- in the early 1970s, the theft of Eeyou (Cree) traditional lands south of the 55th parallel, when Quebec unilaterally created on Eeyou territory a massive "municipality" administered by the Societe de developement de la Baie James (SDBJ);

- the current refusal of the federal government to fully recognize Eeyou rights and jurisdiction in the offshore portions of Eeyou Istchee; and

- ongoing clear-cutting and other activities by the forestry industry in Eeyou Istchee, with federal and Quebec approval, causing far-reaching and irresponsible damage to wildlife, Eeyou harvesting, and the eco-system as a whole;

WHEREAS past and present actions by the federal and Quebec governments underline the need for full and effective exercise of Eeyou powers, especially in relation to the management and protection of the environment and resources within all parts of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS any dispossession of Eeyou territory and denials of Eeyou rights in overlapping areas within Nunavik do not simply affect the rights of Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui, but impact on the inherent rights of the Eeyou Nation as whole;

WHEREAS the overlap portion of Eeyou Istchee within Nunavik has essential economic, social, cultural, spiritual, political and environmental significance to the Eeyouch;

WHEREAS to date, Nunavik Inuit and their regional organizations have not adequately accommodated Eeyou concerns, particularly those relating to caribou commercialization and sports hunting;

WHEREAS since 1975, Makivik Corporation has failed to negotiate an agreement respecting the harvesting rights of the Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui within the "Inuit area of primary interest", as required under s.24.13.6 of the JBNQA;

WHEREAS within the overlap portion of Nunavik, any new arrangements relating to self-government and related matters – including the sharing, control, management and development of lands, waters and other resources – must be subject to the principles of full and effective Eeyou participation and Eeyou consent;

WHEREAS it is urgent that the Eeyouch of Eeyou Istchee take the necessary steps to safeguard Eeyou territory and rights within the overlapping areas, since the Nunavik Commission Report recommends that negotiations with Inuit on a new Nunavik government and Assembly begin in September 2001, with a final agreement to be reached by February



# This is Our Way!

I encourage all Cree communities to find ways to send your condolences to the families of this tragedy in America. I also encourage you to find ways to send messages of peace to the people of the United States of America. It may seem like a difficult thing to do, as they are so far away, but we must shine our Cree light of peace and friendship so others may choose to see it.

September 21, 2001



2003;

WHEREAS any new agreement affecting the overlap areas in Nunavik is likely to have impacts on Eeyou jurisdiction and rights that are virtually irreversible, since Inuit rights under such agreement are likely to receive constitutional protection;

WHEREAS the Eeyou Peoples have not been requested to give up the pre-existing right of self-government in any area of Eeyou Istchee and have never agreed to surrender such right (assuming this were even possible);

WHEREAS the right of self-government is an essential aspect of the Eeyou right of self-determination, which is an inalienable human right;

WHEREAS most of these concerns were raised in joint written and oral presentations of the Grand Council of the Crees and the Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui, but were virtually ignored or unjustly dismissed by the Nunavik Commission;

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation have passed a WFN members are formally confirming their request for the support of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee for the protection of Eeyou traditional territory and rights;

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the members of the Grand Council of the Crees and Cree Regional Authority hereby express their support for the request of the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation for the protection of its traditional territory and rights from the potential serious implications of the Nunavik Commission Report;

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees is hereby mandated to take the necessary steps to safeguard the integrity of Eeyou traditional territory and Eeyou Rights for both present and future generations;

THAT in particular, in the overlap areas within Nunavik, the Grand Council act in conjunction with the Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui, Chisasibi, Wemindji, and Eastmain in regard to the following:

- communicate in writing all relevant Eeyou positions – arising from the fact that the Eeyou Nation of Eeyou Istchee has overlapping self-government rights in Nunavik – to both the federal and Quebec governments, as well as Makivik Corporation and other regional entities involved in the Nunavik Political Accord of November 1999;

- examine in detail the recommendations of the Nunavik Commission Report, in order to determine the nature and scope of potential violations of Eeyou Treaty rights;

- arrange for negotiations to proceed on an agreement respecting the harvesting rights of the Eeyouch of Whapmagoostui with the "Inuit area of primary interest", as required under s.24.13.6 of the JBNQA;

- ensure respect for the principles of full and effective Eeyou participation and Eeyou consent concerning any new arrangements relating to self-government and related matters;

- in particular, secure a full and adequate Eeyou role in the sharing, control, management and development of lands, water and other resources in overlap areas;

- urge the federal government to apply an equitable and just approach to overlapping rights in Nunavik, as part of the federal comprehensive claims policy; and

- in carrying out the above steps, emphasize the profound relationship of the Eeyou with lands, waters, resources and environment in Eeyou Istchee;

THAT in defending and promoting Eeyou self-government rights and jurisdiction in overlap areas, the Grand Council should seek to maintain good relations with the Inuit of Kuujuarapik and other Nunavik Inuit;

THAT in view of the growing challenges relating to Eeyou self-government, the Grand Council should take active steps to develop principles in Cree governance and a Cree constitution and, at the same time, devise related strategies to ensure that the Crees have an adequate land and resource base.

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief are directed to do all things necessary and useful to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **# 2001-25 Establishment of a Regional Rent-to-own Residential Housing Program**

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation are presently limited to renting residences from the Whapmagoostui First Nation through Section 56.1 of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Program;

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation are desirous of owning their own homes that are located within Category 1A lands of the Whapmagoostui First Nation;

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation believe that the Eeyouch of other communities in Eeyou Istchee are desirous of owning the residences they are presently renting from their respective First Nations;

WHEREAS the creation of a broad based rent-to-own housing program would facilitate residential housing purchasing within the Category 1A lands of all Eeyou Communities;

WHEREAS the Eeyouch of the Whapmagoostui First Nation deem it desirable that, with the organizational and financial support of the Cree Regional Authority and the Board of Compensation, all Eeyou First Nations in Eeyou Istchee collaborate and cooperate on the establishment of a residential housing rent-to-own program to assist all Eeyou beneficiaries domiciled in Category 1A lands;

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the members of the Grand Council of the Crees and Cree Regional Authority hereby express their support for the proposal submitted by the Whapmagoostui First Nation for the establishment of a regional rent-to-own residential housing program;

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Regional Authority are hereby mandated to provide organizational and financial support for the creation, establishment, implementation and efficient functioning of the regional rent-to-own residential housing program;

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief are directed to do all things necessary and useful to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **# 2001-26 Conference on Sexual Abuse**

WHEREAS the delegates to the Twenty-seventh Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Twenty-fourth Annual General Assembly of the Cree Regional Authority acknowledge that sexual abuse exists in Eeyou Istchee; and

WHEREAS there is an essential need to address and eliminate the far-ranging and far-reaching negative impacts of sexual abuse in Eeyou Istchee in order for healing to commence at various levels, including the individual, family, community and the Eeyou Nation;

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay has a responsibility, through its department of social services, to effectively address sexual abuse (among other social issues) but has not significantly done so;

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the members of the Grand Council of the Crees and the Cree Regional Authority hereby acknowledge and recognize the importance of effectively addressing sexual abuse in Eeyou Istchee and taking steps toward its elimination;

THAT the members believe that a regional conference on sexual abuse would be beneficial in creating more public awareness about the devastating impacts of sexual abuse on the emotional, mental, spiritual and physical well-being of Eeyou individuals and families and would help initiate a process of individual and collective healing;

THAT the present Assembly hereby mandates the Grand Council of the Crees to ensure that a regional conference on sexual abuse takes place in Eeyou Istchee within the fiscal year 2001/2002.

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief are hereby directed to do all things necessary and useful to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **# 2001-27 Health and Social Service Centre – Wemindji and Mistissini**

WHEREAS the community members of Wemindji have signed a petition concerning the poor and dilapidated state of health care and social services



facilities in their community;

**WHEREAS** the foresaid petition demonstrates that there is an urgent need for the construction of a suitable Health and Social Services Centre in order to provide adequate health care services to the community of Wemindji which has a growing population requiring facilities far superior than what is currently available;

**WHEREAS** the community of Mistissini has also expressed the urgent need for the construction of a suitable health and social services centre in order to provide adequate health and social services;

**WHEREAS** the current conditions of the health and social services facilities of the communities are completely inadequate and do not meet the needs of the communities of the growing population;

**WHEREAS** the health and welfare of all Cree is an urgent concern for all Cree entities;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Cree Board of Health and Social Services and the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority undertake all measures necessary to ensure that suitable and adequate Health and Social Services centers are constructed in the communities of Wemindji and Mistissini as soon as possible.

#### **# 2001-28 Traditional Pursuits Program**



**WHEREAS** in 1992, 1993, and 1994 the Cree Trappers Association administered a Cree trappers training Traditional Pursuits Program funded by the Government of Quebec and Cree School Board;

**WHEREAS** the Traditional Pursuits Program was strongly supported and well received by the Cree communities, in particular by the Cree youth;

**WHEREAS** the Traditional Pursuits Program was implemented to promote, preserve and enhance the Cree way of life, values and culture;

**WHEREAS** the Traditional Pursuits Program could not achieve its full objectives due to the funding withdrawal on the part of the Government of Quebec, but that however the Cree School Board continued to fund the Program with limited resources available;

**WHEREAS** it necessary to revive the Traditional Pursuits Program due to the urgent and pressing needs of the Cree youth today, in particular it is now more critical due to the passing away of Cree elders to preserve Cree traditional knowledge and cultural skills;

**WHEREAS** it is also necessary and urgent to restructure the Program to take into account the changes in Cree society, language and culture;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees, Cree Regional Authority, Cree Trappers Association, Cree School Board, Cree Nation Youth Council and the Chisayouch Elders Council in conjunction with the collective effort of the Cree First Nations of Eeyou Istchee, fully support the urgent re-establishment of the Traditional Pursuits Program;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee, Cree Regional Authority are hereby mandated to ensure a Cree political representative be appointed to the Cree School Board and the Ministry of Quebec negotiations on Cree adult education;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee, Cree Regional Authority, Cree Trappers Association are further mandated to provide Cree professional and all technical assistance in the development of a new Traditional Pursuits Program;

**THAT** the Grand Council of the Crees, Cree Regional Authority, and the Cree School Board are hereby mandated to carry out all things necessary and useful to give effect to the foregoing.

#### **#2001-29 Support for the financing of the Radiance of the Morning Sun Centre (Km 372) Project**

**WHEREAS** based on the positive conclusions of a feasibility study completed in April 2001, the Weapenicappo family and Wabannuatao Eeyou Development Corporation ("the promoters") are continuing the development of the Radiance of the Morning Sun Centre (Km 372) Project ("the project");

**WHEREAS** due to the location of the Project at Km 372 of the Matagami - LG-2 highway, it should provide benefits for the entire region;

**WHEREAS** the Promoters must raise one and a half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for their share of the costs of the Project;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Members of the 2001 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority support the Promoters in their efforts to complete the Project and in their request for funding support;

**THAT** the Board of Compensation and James Bay Eeyou Corporation be recommended to contribute grant funding of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) each for the Promoters' share of the costs of the Project.

#### **# 2001-30 Accountability of Local Representatives of the Cree Health Board and increasing the term of office of the Chairman**

**WHEREAS** the people of Eeyou Istchee recognize the need for greater accountability of the local representatives of the Cree Health Board;

**WHEREAS** the people of Eeyou Istchee require a strong voice on all matters concerning the healing process of the people of Eeyou Istchee;

**WHEREAS** the Eeyou Nations concerns on healing fail to be heard by the Quebec and Federal government;

**WHEREAS** an extension of the length of office of the Chairperson of the Cree Health Board is needed to give that individual a better opportunity to monitor and implement initiatives concerning the healing process administered by the Cree Health Board;

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Cree Health Board be and is hereby mandate to begin the restructuring of its governing body to require greater accountability of the local representatives on the Cree Health Board and that a task force be established by the Cree Health Board to oversee this initiative;

**THAT** the Cree Health Board be and is hereby mandated to take the necessary measures to amend the required electoral bylaws in order to extend the term of office for the chairperson to a 3 year term.

#### **# 2001-31 Traditional Concepts of Healing**



#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Cree Health Board be and is hereby mandated to initiate



discussions with the Quebec and Federal government to communicate to them the importance of including traditional concepts of healing within the current delivery of health and social services in Eeyou Istchee.

**#2001-32 Mandate to the Cree Health Board to create a cross cultural exchange program for non-native employees**

WHEREAS the members of the Eeyou Istchee recognize the need for Eeyou knowledge to be passed to the non-native employees of the Cree Health Board as part of a qualification to be eligible for employment with the Cree Health Board;

WHEREAS there is a need for understanding on behalf of the non-native employees of the spiritual, natural and customary laws of the Eeyou;

WHEREAS the sharing of the Eeyou system of values and beliefs with the non-native staff of the Cree Health Board would bring harmony to the Cree Health Board workforce;

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Eeyou Nation gathered for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees acknowledge the need to express Eeyou Heritage to all non-native employees working for Eeyou institutions and organizations;

THAT the Cree Health Board is hereby mandated to create a cross cultural exchange program as soon as possible.

**# 2001-33 Past Resolutions of General Assemblies – Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee**

WHEREAS the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee have been informed that resolutions passed at Eeyou Nation General Assemblies in the past have not been implemented or acted upon to the knowledge of the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee;

WHEREAS the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee have not been informed of what action has been taken concerning the aforementioned resolutions proposed by the Chisayouch of Eeyou Istchee;

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority be and hereby mandated to ensure that action is taken to implement all previous resolutions passed, present and future General Assemblies of the Eeyou Nation and that all parties affected by the resolutions are informed accordingly;

THAT the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief be and are hereby mandated to ensure the implementation of the present resolution.

**# 2001-34 Permanent Access Road to Waskaganish**



WHEREAS the Permanent Access Road to Waskaganish is under construction, as per Agreements 68-128 and 68-133 signed with the Ministry of Transportation (MTQ);

WHEREAS the Permanent Access Road is being constructed by the Waskaganish First Nation (WFN);

WHEREAS the budget for the construction of the road is \$45 million: \$4.5 million (agreement 68-128) and \$40.5 million (agreement 68-133);

WHEREAS last September and October it was identified that the project would encompass a \$5-6 million cost overrun;

WHEREAS on November 3, 2000, the MTQ has requested that the WFN interrupt the work until an agreement has been reached regarding

the funding of the cost overrun;

WHEREAS the construction of this 103 km road started from both extremities proceeding toward the centre (km 50);

WHEREAS kilometers 0 to 30 still require placement of base course;

WHEREAS kilometers 50 to 103 are almost completed;

WHEREAS between kilometers 30 to 50 the uncompleted subgrade platform is exposed to traffic;

WHEREAS the following problems are being observed at the following locations:

- Kilometers 0 to 30 the base course (MG-80) is too rough for tires;

- Kilometers 50 to 103 there is an obvious lack of maintenance;

- Kilometers 30 to 50 the surface material is loose causing insufficient stability.

WHEREAS the safety of the users is not duly assured;

WHEREAS the use of the road by regular traffic is essential to ensure delivery of goods and access to services;

WHEREAS discussions held to date to resolve the overrun matter were not satisfactory to the Waskaganish First Nation;

WHEREAS being the end of August, time left to complete the road under acceptable conditions is becoming a serious concern;

WHEREAS the contracts of Phase I and II are not yet completed, there is still \$4 million to be paid to the suppliers and contractors;

WHEREAS to date the WFN has spent \$41,719,283.00 and received \$38,527,546.00 from MTQ;

WHEREAS the work should be completed by December 2001.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority and the Waskaganish First Nation continue to request the Federal and Quebec government provide unrestricted financial resources to complete the access road.

**# 2001-35 Physicians Shortage in Eeyou Istchee**

WHEREAS the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay has encountered many difficulties in trying to fulfill its mandate to provide health and social services;

WHEREAS recent developments in the health and social services sector have left many regions with a shortage of physicians;

WHEREAS such developments have for some time now reached critical situations for medical services in Eeyou Istchee under the jurisdiction of the CBHSSJB;

WHEREAS the CBHSSJB has duly informed the Cree nation leadership of such situations and it has been resolved that the CBHSSJB and the Cree nation leadership would work together to represent this issue to the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec;

**RESOLVED**

THAT the members of the 2001 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority fully support the CBHSSJB and the Cree Nation leadership in their endeavor to obtain the necessary resources without jeopardizing its exiting budget to address any incentives that may be necessary;

THAT the Chairman of the CBHSSJB and the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority consult with each other and do all things necessary for appropriate actions to be taken in this regard.





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Other people simply threw themselves from the buildings rather than burn to death. I can't get these two images out of my mind.

For a while there, I was also frantic because Gary had an appointment across from the Buildings. His subway stop is the World Trade Center. I couldn't reach him on his cell. Finally he called; he was walking back to Brooklyn from one of the bridges. When he came home, he was covered in soot. We rode our bikes today to work (took a while). I needed to do something; I couldn't stay at home anymore. At the moment, I'm trying to get in touch with my old roommate, John. He's a paramedic who is stationed in that area."



Ironworker Bart Goodleaf at home in Kahnawake: "I hope I never see anything like it again in my life."





## The Bear Facts

*Xavier Kataquapit*

This morning I headed out with a friend on a long bicycle ride. Our goal was to complete 24 kilometers of riding on a back road. It was warm and it felt good to be moving under my own power with the wind in my hair.

At one point on our return home, as we rounded a curve and dipped into a downhill run we were shocked as a large black bear came out of the bush on one side of the road and then ran across our path and back into the forest. He looked as surprised to see us as we must have looked to see him. We screamed, turned our bikes around in a panic and headed back the way we came.

After riding frantically for about a kilometer we stopped to assess our situation. We had a dilemma. Should we continue on to the first phone we could find and call a friend to pick us up or should we bravely head back down the road home? After some thought we decided that it would be foolish to fear this bear that had probably been as frightened as we were and who was miles away from the road at this point. We opted to ride the next few kilometers yelling as loud as we could to make sure the bear knew we were coming. Thankfully, we didn't see any sign of our new friend and the ride back to town was uneventful.

Later, as I was driving down Highway 11 with some friends near Kirkland Lake we came upon three bear cubs that were desperately trying to cross the busy highway. We stopped for a while to watch these youngsters and at one point tried to manage the traffic to allow them to cross the road. It didn't work very well and after a while we gave up and headed back down the road. It seemed as though the mother bear was nowhere to be seen. I assumed that as a result of the local bear hunt, the mother must have been killed. It was painful to have to leave those little bear cubs on the side of the road knowing that their chances of surviving in the wild was almost impossible.

There have been a lot of bear sightings this year. Many people are blaming it on the fact that the spring bear hunt

has been cancelled and perhaps that has something to do with it. However, I think the real cause has to do more with the fact that we are destroying much of the habitat where these wild animals once thrived. Through the destruction of wilderness due to lumbering and mining development, animals like these bears must move into other locations and look for other food sources. Regretfully this brings them into contact with humans and they are labeled as dangerous pests.

When I lived in my home community of Attawapiskat there were rarely any interactions with bears. There was very little development in the Attawapiskat area at the time which meant that wild animals like bears had a home base and food sources so they didn't have any need to venture into areas where people lived.

It seems to me that if we as a society actually destroy homes and food sources for other animals that share the good earth with us then perhaps it should be our responsibility to manage things a little better so that these creatures are compensated in some way. Perhaps we should be providing alternate areas where there is no development.

Maybe we should be looking at more careful development so that we can preserve the land where it is used by other animals. Shooting more of them does not sound like the perfect solution to me. However, if that is to be considered as an option it should only be done if the entire animal is harvested. We should outlaw the killing of a bear just for its head or its hide for display purposes. Maybe it should be made law that you can only kill an animal if you can prove that you will use all of it. That means the meat, the skin and the bones. This has been the way of my people forever and it is really the only way to rationalize the taking of another creature's life.

As I am heading off to bed tonight those bear cubs are on my mind. All I can do is say a little prayer for them and I am grateful for the opportunity to tell you this story.





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### 100 - Births

**I'm proud to announce** the birth of my beautiful niece Timera C. Brien born in Chibougamau on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. Congratulations to the proud parents Lynn Coonishish and Wally Brien. Take good care of your daughter, she's a blessing. Give her kisses for us. With love; Christine, Jonathan and Karalynn Weistche. XOXOXO

**Congratulations to Rita** and Elvis Moar on the birth of their baby boy, born on August 16th, 2001 in Val D'Or, Elias Star. Take good care of your little boy and also your other angel, Elita. And also Happy Birthday to you Rita on August 12th. From your sister in Chisasibi, Melina Neacappo.

### 101 - Birthday

**Happy 1st Birthday** to a very sweet little girl, Angel Baribeau on September 8, 2001. It seems like only yesterday you were born.



Now you are celebrating your first birthday, may your birthday be as special and sweet as you are. With love; Grandma, Stephanie and Frances XOXOXOXO

**I would like to wish a** Happy 13th Anniversary to



my oldest son Robert and Christine Capassisit. They well be celebrating their 13th Anniversary on September 9th, 2001. Wishing you both all the best of luck and many more years to come. And God bless you. With love, hugs and kisses. Isabel C. Wapachee (Nemaska).

**A very special** belated birthday wish going out to my very special mom Gloria Neacappo, who has celebrated her birthday on August 24th, 2001. I just want you to know how happy I am to have a mother like you. Thank you for everything you done for me. Have a wonderful birthday and many more to come. Love always from your daughter, Melina.

**This goes out to my niece** in Waskaganish. Her name is Mary Jane Rabbitskin. She will be celebrating her 10th Birthday on September 15th. She is so smart, so special & beautiful girl in her life and I love her very much. Mary-Jane

I miss you! Love U! Happy Birthday. From your aunt Janet in Chisasibi.

**We would like to wish a** Happy 2nd Birthday to Emma-Rose Hester on September 16, 2001. We hope that you'll have fun on your special day. May you eat lots of your birthday cake and goodies, so you can drive your mom crazy.(Joking). Hugs & Kisses, Love Always, Cheryl and Chris (Chisasibi)

**A Special Birthday** Greetings goes out to my sister Georgia Snowboy on September 25, 2001. You deserve to rest on your birthday. Hope you'll enjoy your birthday and many more to come. I wish you lots of happiness in the

future. With Love, Your sister Cheryl

**We would like to wish a** Happy 14th Birthday to Eugene Hughboy on September 30th. Have a great birthday Huge. With love; Mom, Dad, Dale, Kerri, Bertha and Ben. (Wemindji)

**To my sweet friends in** Nemaska on their birthdays, goes out to Lee Ann N. on August 22nd Aaron N. on August 23rd and to Emma Swallow on August 25th. Happy Birthday the three of you. Take care of yourself. I'll be praying for you guys. Love & prayers. Mary Ann Gull.

**We would like to wish a** Happy 1st Birthday to our adorable little girl Georgia-Lynn Sandy on September 17th, 2001. We love you very much. Love, Mom, Dad and your sister Jane in Whapmagoostui.

**Happy birthday** to Peterson Brien on may 18 from mist. Happy birthday Pete don't party too much or you'll have an hang over!! hope to see you soon from chisasibi eeyou ishghosh

**I would like to wish a** Happy Birthday to my nephew Brian Voyageur on August the 25th. Sending you lots of love, hugs and kisses all the way from Hull.



# CLASSIFIEDS

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to our daughters: Alicia-Grace Sandy - October 6, 1993 Betty Ann Sandy - October 24, 1995 Vera-Rose Hallie Joseph - October 19, 2000

**Happy Birthday to Mason** Alexander Voyageur and Debbie Maudie Ratt on August 9. Sending you lots of love, hugs and kisses to both of you. From Aunt Sharon, Jerry, Cousin Merissa and your little cousin Reilly Boy!

I would like to wish the following people a happy birthday: My big sis Vanessa Rabbitskin on September 18, my buddy Savannah(mouse) on Sept.17, Olivia Guiner who will be 12 on Sept.19, also my little buddy Tim on Sept.10, and last but not least, my cousin Melanie Liza Voyageur on Sept.2 Thanx for always being there guys. Oh and don't party too much! Remember I said not TOO much!

## 104 - Graduations

**I want to congratulate** and thank him for being his escort and I'm sorry for leaving soon. This goes out to my cousin Abraham Icebound. Congratulations on your graduation day on August 3rd, 2001. And to all the graduates in Waswanapi. From Mary Ann Gull (Burkyan).

## 103 - Anniversaries

**Happy 28th anniversary** to our parents, Roderick & Lizzie Petawabano. We love you both so much. With love, Vicki & Don, Rodney & Jennifer, Melanie & John, Pearl, Gale and from all your 9 grand children. XOXOO ps ... Sept. 27th

**To my wonderful friends,** Cheryl & Samuel Mianscum, I would like to wish you both a first happy anniversary on August 12th. God bless you both. Love in friendship. I love you both very much, Mary Ann Gull.

## 102 - Wedding

**We want to congratulate** Simon & Linda Gull on their wedding day on August 11th, 2001 in W a s w a n i p i . Congratulations to both of you. God bless you both. With all our love, John C. Sarah & Family Gull.

## 300 - Personal

**We'd like to say "Hello"** to our cousins in Cowansville. Their names are Megan and Felix Carrier. We miss you a lot. Your cuzins Zoe and Sean.

**To P.N.** It's been a while since I saw you, sad to say, that I miss you. I think of the times I was hurt by you, afraid to say, that I NEED YOU! Many nights when I'm alone I think of when I cried, hurtful to say, I know you lied. There's no doubt in my heart that I care for you, crushed to know you can't ever say "I love you". Never will I forget what I felt inside. Happy to say, when I said "I love you" I never lied. From C.S.

**This goes out to my new** niece Leonda Trapper. I want to welcome you both you & your brother from Nemaska Lindy Trapper.

Welcome to our family. I love you guys. Love always, Mary Ann Gull.

**To Sarah Stewart** in Wemindji. How are you doing? We just need to know how the puzzle is coming along, have you finished it yet. Hope, you're enjoying yourself putting it together. Don't forget to hang it up where we told you to. Take care! (I guess you know who we are). Just in case, G.P.C.P.R.

**Even though** you're far away, you're nowhere futher than in our hearts, there's not one way for us to say the words or where to start, so here it is we love you so much more than you'll ever know Our daughter ,sister ,and best friend we love you there's just no end, Happy Birthday Stacey! Love Always, Mom, Dad, sisters and brothers

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